

Fire in Postal Car Destroys Mail

Six Pouches Addressed to California
Points Destroyed and Dozen
More Damaged.

Special to The Tribune.
RENO, Nev., Sept. 26.—Six pouches of mail addressed to California points were as good as destroyed by fire in a mail car on the westbound overland flyer this morning near Ocala, a small station just west of Winnemucca. A dozen or more pouches were also badly damaged by water, and the interior of the car was badly scorched.
The train was running at a speed of sixty miles an hour on a perfectly level track when the postal clerk had his attention attracted by a mass of smoke in one end of the car. In a moment he was battling with the flames. They gained on him at such a rate that he was compelled to pull the bell cord, bringing the train to a stop and summoning aid.
Conductor Trousdale and Engineer Shepley responded, and soon a bucket brigade was at work carrying water from the engine to the blazing car. Passengers joined in the work of fighting the fire, and after about twenty minutes delay it was finally extinguished.
The registered pouches were not damaged. Those in charge are unable to give an estimate of the loss sustained or the cause of the fire.

MAKES DUE APOLOGY.

Governor Cartagena Makes Amends
for Insult to American Consul.

COLON, Sept. 26.—The American consulate at Cartagena having been twice recently beset with fifth, Rear-Admiral Sigsbee, with his flagship, the Newark, was ordered to proceed to Cartagena and investigate the circumstances.
The gunboat Newport, Commander Meritt, joined the flagship on September 25. In a communication to Gov. Lora Patron, Admiral Sigsbee says in part:
"I feel it my duty to express my regret for the acts of indecency, on behalf of yourself and your Government, satisfactory, but that has not been given publicity. I suggest additional precautions to prevent the recurrence of such incidents and fuller publicity of the Government's expressions of regret, in order to avoid a friendly visit assuming a more difficult feature."
Gov. Patron complied by reiterating his regrets.

NO MOB VIOLENCE.

Bingham County Citizens Will Let
Law Take Its Course.

Special to The Tribune.
BLACKFOOT, Ida., Sept. 26.—There is no change in the condition of the wounded men who were shot in battle between citizens and outlaws here last evening. Through the efforts of influential citizens and County Attorney D. Worth Clark of Idaho Falls, talk of mob violence is being suppressed. At this time there is little probability of a lynching. All is quiet and the law will probably take its course.
The conditions of the wounded men have been apprehended, but owing to the uncertainty of identification there has been no demonstration by the indignant citizens against them.

TREKING TO WARMER CLIME.

Doukhor Colonies in Manitoba
Start on Long Pilgrimage.

WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 26.—Word has been received here from the Doukhor colonies near Saskatchewan, N. W. T., that a large body of them has started on a trek to the United States. This time they are not looking for the Messiah, but are on the trek for a warmer climate. The affair is causing much excitement, as it is known that while extreme the Doukhors have started on the longest pilgrimage they have ever had. The royal Northwest mounted police is being rushed to the scene.

CONFESSION TO ARSON.

St. Louis Man Surrenders to Police
and Admits His Crime.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 26.—According to statements by the police, William Wilkie, who today surrendered himself, has confessed that he had tried to burn the Lammer Furniture company's store on August 8. The fire resulted in a loss of \$50,000. Wilkie, who calls himself a St. Louis man, is an employee of the Lammer company. He told the police that he tried to burn the store for the reason that replacing the stock would give work to many men.

TO ATTEMPT TO BREAK OUT.

Rear-Admiral Wren's Fleet to Leave
Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 27.—The naval organ, Kotlin, today publishes an article predicting that Rear-Admiral Wren will attempt to break out of Port Arthur with his ships and return to Europe. The paper admits that the task of escaping from the port is a hopeless one for the Japanese fleet, but adds that Wren's men, unlike the Spaniards, have had plenty of experience.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

Neither Uncle Sam nor John Bull
Has Renewed Representations.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 26.—Neither the United States nor Great Britain has yet renewed diplomatic representations to Russia on the question of contraband. In diplomatic circles here the interest is felt over the ultimate issue of the matter. It is hardly believed here that either the United States or Great Britain purpose to allow the matter to rest in its present aspect.

MASKED MEN SHOOT TO KILL

Two Robbers Hold Up
a Seattle Saloon.

Three Men in the Drinking
Place Shot, One
Fatally.

Second Man Will Lose His Arm and
Third Dangerously Wounded
in Side.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 26.—Two masked robbers held up Lou Conway's saloon this morning, shot Conway, James Murphy and Gilbert McBeath by visit assuming a more difficult feature.

JAMES MURPHY, shot in the stomach, intestines penetrated; will die. LOU CONWAY, proprietor of the saloon, shot in the left arm, may have to be amputated.

GILBERT McBEATH, shot in left side; bullet took circular course about ribs; may have grazed lungs.

The robbers then went behind the bar and took \$100 from the cash drawer and a watch from Conway's pocket. Conway is a brother of City Councilman James Conway.

Five Men in Saloon.
There were five men in the saloon when the shooting occurred—the men who were injured, Harry Longfield, J. C. Gray, the bartender, Conway and Gray were behind the bar. Murphy, McBeath and Longfield were in front taking a drink.

Masked Robbers Appear.
Suddenly they were startled by a man who stood in the doorway between the barroom and the poolroom. He wore a mask and had a revolver in his hands. One of the two behind the bar turned and saw another masked man standing in the front door of the saloon.

Ordered to Hold Up Hands.
In an instant the bandit at the billiard-room door leveled his revolver at Conway's head and said: "Throw up your hands."

Conway thought the man was joking. "What do you mean," answered Conway. "I won't throw up my hands."

Two Men Fall.
"Well, I will show you," was the reply, and the bandit fired point blank at Conway. The bullet struck the saloonman's left arm and he dropped behind the bar. The bandit fired again, just as Murphy had turned around to see what the trouble was. The second bullet struck Murphy squarely in the abdomen.

Struck in the Side.
McBeath started to run to the back door when a bullet caught him in the left side. Longfield put up his hands and a fourth bullet went by his head. There was one more shot fired, but it struck no one.

The man in the poolroom door seemed to be the leader. When he had finished shooting he called to his pal: "Go back to the bar and get the money. Be quick about it."

Took Money and Watch.
The second bandit obeyed, and with revolver in hand, walked through the saloon and back of the bar. He pointed his revolver into the face of Gray, took the contents and placed them in his pocket. Then he removed a watch from Conway's pocket. The robbers then left the saloon without another word.

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL.
Dogs Attempting to Run Down Band of Incendiaries.

OGDEN, Ia., Sept. 26.—Bloodhounds used to track the Rock Island train bandits at Letts a week ago were placed on the trail of incendiaries responsible for wholesale fires here today. Barns, stacks, corn cribs and even dwellings have been fired, and in some instances smoldering embers saturated with kerosene used in starting the blaze were found. A posse of farmers is following the dogs.

KILLED IN RACE RIOT.
Two Negroes Slain and Three Fatally Injured.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 26.—Two negroes were killed and three fatally injured in a race riot near Lynchburg, Miss., fifteen miles south of Memphis today. The shooting took place on the plantation of J. J. Johnson, who, with his two sons and two friends, went into a field to gather a load of corn. The field was worked on by a negro family named Kenney. As the white men were driving their wagons, a black man met them. The fire was returned, with the result that two negroes were killed outright and three were fatally shot. A number of whites joined the white party and are now searching for others of the attacking party. The names of the dead and wounded are not obtainable.

Condition of the Treasury.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Today's statement of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$151,565,241; gold, \$45,000,000.

IMPALED ON SPLINTER.

Boy Meets Awful Death in Presence
of Companions.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Impaled on the stump of a tree by a large splinter that had penetrated his right breast to the lung, Alphonse Pede of Brooklyn died in the presence of a score of horrified boys and girls with whom he had been chattering near Jamaica. Pede had been sitting on the branch of a tree, knocking chestnuts down to his companions, when the limb on which he sat broke and he fell horizontally and face downward upon a jagged stump below.

Most of the children became frightened and ran away. When a doctor arrived he found the youth dead. One of his playmates was praying beside him.

MAN CHEWED TO PIECES.

Is Torn Into Bits by a Threshing
Machine.

KALISPELL, Mont., Sept. 26.—Forest L. Webster lost his life in a most awful manner near this city. He was engaged in feeding a threshing machine at a ranch about nine miles from Kalispell when he accidentally stepped through the opening of the cylinder, which was revolving at a rate of 2000 times a minute. He was drawn down and literally chewed to pieces by the teeth of the cylinder and concave before the machinery could be stopped.

The left leg of the unfortunate man was shredded to a pulp, and his right leg torn off.

IN FAVOR OF MINERS.

Judge Gray Affirms Decision of Commissioner of Labor.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 26.—Judge Gray, to whom was referred the controversy of the anthracite coal miners on the check weighing question, which had previously been adjudicated by Carroll D. Wright in favor of the miners, has also decided the issue in the same way.

His decision was received by both W. L. Connell and T. D. Nichols, president and secretary, respectively, of the board of conciliation. The former represented the operators and the latter the miners.

COURTESY SHOWN BY JAPS.

Brown Men Show Great Consideration
for Russian Hospital Ship.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 26.—A private letter from a person on board the Russian hospital ship, Mongolia, at Port Arthur, describing the light following Rear Admiral Witthof's sortie, pays a tribute to the courtesy and consideration shown by the Japanese. The Mongolia was twice cut off from the squadron, but the Japanese signaled her to steer to the left, which she did. Once the Mongolia was between two fires and frequently Japanese torpedoes passed quite close to her, but she was not attacked throughout the fight and returned safely to Port Arthur.

WOEFUL LACK OF DISCIPLINE.

Documents and Orders Found Thrown
Light on Kuropatkin's Army.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The Daily Mail's Liao Yang correspondent says: "The discovery in abandoned Russian headquarters here of a number of documents and orders from Viceroy Alexieff, cashiering officers for abandoning positions and for desertion, and for punishing officers for lawless treatment of Chinese, waste of ammunition and other offenses, proves an amazing lack of discipline in Gen. Kuropatkin's army."

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION.

Northern Pacific Train Experiences a
Queer Accident.

EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 26.—Passengers on a southbound Northern Pacific passenger train experienced an accident this afternoon two miles south of Arlington, when some explosive, supposed to be dynamite, caused a shower of rocks and pieces of wood to fall upon the Canadian tourist car, splintering the roof and knocking out every window on one side. None seriously injured.

GUESTS OF PRESIDENT.

John P. Redmond at Luncheon at the
White House.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—At luncheon today the President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained John P. Redmond, the distinguished member of the British parliament, Mrs. Redmond and Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California. The Rev. Dr. Charles W. Whipple of Paris, the author, who is making a tour of this country, will be an overnight guest of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House.

BOY SMOTHERED TO DEATH.

Little One Found Dead in Shallow
Pool of Water.

BELLINGHAM, Sept. 26.—Edwin Hughey, the little son of John H. Hughey, was found smothered to death in a shallow pool not more than 100 feet from his home. The boy was found by his mother lying face down. While his mother was bathing Edwin asked for a pin. It is supposed he wanted the pin to fish in the pond.

Opposing President Reyes.
BOGOTA, Sept. 26.—President Reyes is meeting with much opposition in the Colombian Senate to the resumption of amicable relations with the United States.

WILL NOT WAIT UNTIL WAR ENDS

Peace Congress to Be
Called.

Historic Advance Is Made
Toward Adjusting International
Difficulties.

President Roosevelt Will Soon Bring
Matter to Attention of Nations.
of the World.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—President Roosevelt's announcement on Saturday to the delegates of the Interparliamentary union that at an early date he would invite the nations of the world to send delegates to a second peace conference whose work should be supplemental to that of the conference at The Hague is regarded as a historic advance toward the adjustment of international difficulties through the medium of arbitration.

Will Not Wait for End of War.
Quite naturally the question arose as to how soon the President might call the conference. He did not indicate, in his address, the probable time of his issuance of the call, but it can be stated that he will not await the conclusion of peace between Japan and Russia, both signatories to The Hague convention, before issuing his call.

Will Call on Powers.
It is his present intention, in about six weeks, to bring the matter to the attention of the nations of the world, with a view to ascertaining their desire as to the time and place of holding the second conference. These preliminary inquiries will be made through the Department of State. As soon thereafter as the replies receive, the President will issue his formal call for the conference, which probably will be early in the coming year.

No Comment in Russia.
ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 26.—All the newspapers here print President Roosevelt's statement to the delegates to the Interparliamentary union at St. Louis regarding the organization of a second peace tribunal, but without comment.

LIKE KUROPATKIN.
His Promotion Urged by People Who
Heretofore Denounced Him.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 26.—The organization of Russia's forces in the Far East by the appointment of Gen. Gripenberg to command the Second army has been received with much satisfaction by the press.

Even the Novoe Vremya has been urging the promotion of Gen. Kuropatkin to the rank of commander-in-chief, and recognizes the impossibility of confiding the vast host not to be assembled to the commander of the forces actually in the field. Other papers, however, insist that the formation of the Second army and the evident determination to prosecute the war with increased vigor.

Kuropatkin's Position.
The Svet, whose editor, M. Kamaroff, formerly was a Colonel in the army and therefore peculiarly fitted to appreciate the significance of the new departure, says:

"Hitherto Gen. Kuropatkin has been chief of all the land forces in the East. Although enjoying the fullest independence, as a matter of fact he was appointed in the character of the Viceroy's plenipotentiary. Nevertheless, all the responsibility was his. Now he will share it with Gen. Gripenberg and both will be under the guidance of a commander-in-chief."

Grand Duke May Lead.
The name of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch, inspector-general of cavalry early in the war, was on every body's lips as likely to be made commander-in-chief and it continues to be reported that he will be placed in command of the Russian forces in the Far East, but no official announcement has been published the rumor pending an official announcement of his appointment.

GERMANY IS PLEASED.
Foreign Office in Sympathy With Second
Peace Conference.

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—President Roosevelt's announcement Saturday of his intention to call a second peace conference of the nations of the world, whose work should be supplemental to that of The Hague arbitration conference, attracts much attention here. The Foreign office expresses itself generally sympathetic toward the idea. If the President's propositions are confined to practical, tangible measures, without attempting anything like general disarmament or an adjudication of difficulties which touch the sovereignty and honor of States, as would be involved in any scheme of compulsory arbitration.

Among the foreign embassies here it was learned by a representative of the Associated Press that the idea of an international peace conference during the Russo-Japanese war would be considered inopportune by Russia, as questions now under controversy between Russia and several of the international powers must likely come before it. The necessity for a conference after the war to define contraband and the extent to which neutrals may assist belligerents by the sale of munitions, is fully recognized.

Turning Movement on Part of Japs

Kuropatkin Advises Russian War Office
of the Action of Brown
Men Near Mukden.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 26.—A dispatch has been received from Gen. Kuropatkin announcing that the Japanese are preparing an extensive turning movement east of Mukden. A large force is advancing from Liao Yang by way of Tai Che, to Senn Chan. Skirmishes have occurred in the valley of the Hun river and at Liao, between Bentlapatzu and the railroad. There were many casualties at Liao.

Gen. Kuropatkin is supposed to design crossing the Hun river at a point considerably east of Mukden, from which he is expected to move down that stream and co-operate with an army from Senn Chan, while Gen. Oku and Nodzu hold Gen. Kuropatkin south of Mukden. Japanese attacks on Da pass and Sallungku are regarded as confirmation of this theory. Outposts of Gen. Oku and Nodzu have been in conflict with Cossacks between Bentlapatzu and the railroad. No news has been received from Port Arthur.

SORROW IN KNOXVILLE.

Twelve Funerals of Victims of the
Southern Wreck Held.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 26.—No additional deaths of injured have occurred today, and the death list of the Southern wreck near Newmarket on Saturday last still stands at sixty-two.

Today has been one of sorrow for this city. Twelve funerals of victims of the wreck were held. One was a double funeral, where two aged sisters were buried, at another mother and daughter were buried, and at still another services were said for a mother and her two little children.

Many of the leading officials of the Southern are still here and will remain until all damages can be settled so far as possible. Today at the scene of the mass of kindling wood was burned, together with small pieces of decaying flesh.

Of the list of sixty-two only five bodies now remain to be identified. Four are white men and one colored. Three will probably have to be buried in nameless graves, as the bodies of the white men may be traced. One wears a masonic badge and has the initials "G. B." on his linen. The only means of identification of the other body is through his watch, made by A. C. Kolbush, works No. 129,814.

DID NOT GET BRAIN.

Body of Physician Who Willed Head
to Doctors Is Cremated.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—A desire expressed by Dr. George Conant, who died last week, that his brain be delivered to the department of physiology of Cornell university in the interest of scientific research, will never be fulfilled. The body of the physician has been cremated by order of his relatives, who objected to the fulfillment of his wish regarding the disposition of his brain.

Dr. Conant died Friday after suffering for a long time from diabetes. His relatives, who live in Ogdensburg, N. Y., heard that the doctor had willed that his brain be turned over to the scientists. They came to New York and after investigating, asserted that they were unable to find any such provision in the doctor's will.

HOPES FOR LADY CURZON.

Doctors Now Believe That She Will
Recover.

WALMER CASTLE, Sept. 26.—A bulletin just posted here says: "While Lady Curzon is not yet out of danger, the improvement in her condition was maintained throughout the day."

The nurses are said to be fairly able to keep up Lady Curzon's strength, while the oxygen treatment is proving helpful. If a collapse can be prevented within the next twenty-four hours the doctors will have hopes of her recovery.

The treatment of Lady Curzon is being continued, but the oxygen is administered in less quantity and the patient is feeling somewhat better. Lord Curzon, for the first time in a week, ventured out for a walk on the sea front. Arrangements were made to place Mrs. Innes, who is in possession of the steamer Vandalier, informed by wireless telegraph of the condition of her daughter.

MONTANA PIONEER GONE.

Louis Clairmont of Bitter Root Valley
Is Summoned.

MISSOULA, Mont., Sept. 26.—Louis Clairmont, one of the pioneer residents of Western Montana, died last night at the age of 67 years. Mr. Clairmont came to the Bitter Root valley from St. Louis in the early days and was one of the first white men to settle in the valley. He figured prominently in the settlement of Indian troubles. He was instrumental in securing a number of treaties between the general government and the Flathead Indians. He was known as the "grand old man" by the Flatheads.

FOUNDINGS START WEST.

Seventy-Five Little Ones Leave Asylum
for New Homes.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Amid scenes of weeping seventy-five children have taken their departure from the New York foundling asylum for new homes in the West, secured by agents of the charity.

The children are bound for Nebraska and Arizona. All are from 3 to 5 years old. A large crowd gathered to see them start, while wealthy patronesses of the institution looked on with moist eyes. The nurses who had reared the little ones were deeply affected.

TERRIBLE WAR IS PREDICTED

Most Awful One in
History.

Trouble in Far East Will
Lead to European Complications.

This the View Expressed by Melton
Prior, British War Correspondent,
Just Returned.

HONOLULU, Sept. 26.—Melton Prior, the British newspaper correspondent who arrived here today on the Pacific mail steamer Mongolia from Yokohama, says he feels absolutely certain that the war in the far East will lead to European complications and to the most awful war in the world's history.

Bad Faith of Japan.
Mr. Prior complains that Japan has displayed bad faith toward all the correspondents. This, he says, is his twenty-seventh campaign, and it is the only one in which he has seen nothing.

He believes that with the possible exception of the battle of Liao Yang, not one correspondent has seen a shot fired, and he even doubts if the Liao Yang fighting was witnessed by a newspaper man.

Other correspondents are returning on the Mongolia. Richard Harding Davis is going to the United States by way of Victoria.

Campaign May Stop.
MUKDEN, Sept. 26.—Doubts are beginning to be felt as to whether it will be possible to continue the campaign through the winter which begins in November. The Chinese have been unable to harvest their crops and there probably will be much distress, as it is very difficult to bring up stores from China for the native population.

BRITON TOO FLOSSY.
Third Secretary of British Embassy
Fined by Pittsburgh Judge.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 26.—Hugh Gurney, third secretary of the British embassy, was today confined in the police court at Lee on two charges. For contempt of court he was fined \$25. A similar fine was imposed in a case charging him with spending his automobile in Stockbridge Sunday. Mr. Gurney, when arraigned, positively refused to plead, claiming that he was "the third secretary to his Britannic majesty he could not under international law be arrested or held for any crime."

Special Justice Phelps said he did not recognize international law in his court and informed the defendant that he must enter a plea. Mr. Gurney persisted in his refusal. Then a fine was imposed for contempt of court.

Mr. Gurney did not have in his possession sufficient money to pay the fine and he was committed in charge of the officer who made the arrest. The case was accompanied by Mr. Gurney to Lenox, where the money was secured.

MAY BECOME SERIOUS.
State Department Requests Massachusetts Executive to Act.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Notice of the action of a special justice at Lee, Mass., in fining Hugh Gurney, third secretary of the British Embassy, was received at the State department in a telegram from Mr. Raikes, first secretary of the Embassy, who is at Lenox. The department immediately transmitted this telegram to substance to the Governor of Massachusetts, with the request that he do what might be necessary to secure the diplomatic immunity of Mr. Gurney.

It is believed at the department that the matter may be far more serious than it looks. Mr. Gurney at Lee seems to regard it in the first place, by constitutional and statutory laws, the persons attached to an Embassy are expressly released from any legal responsibility, and the exemption even extends to domestic servants.

It will remain for the Governor of Massachusetts to take initial action in this case, which will require prompt redress.

SLOWLY ROASTED ALIVE.

Horrible Death of Brakeman Pinned
in Wreck.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 26.—D. M. Steel, a freight brakeman, was slowly roasted to death after having been pinned between the caboose of his train and a disabled engine which ran into it. The freight train, which was being followed by an engine, stopped at Yakima City, but the brakes on the engine following refused to work, and it crashed into the train, telescoping the caboose and two box cars filled with wheat. Steel, who was standing on the rear platform, was killed. The trunk of his body was found on the pilot of the engine after the fire had burned out.

Long Trip in Auto.
Special to The Tribune.

ANACONDA, Mont., Sept. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edgworth of this city returned in their auto from Salt Lake last evening, thereby completing a trip in the machine of more than 1000 miles. They left for Salt Lake about two months ago to visit friends. The distance between Anaconda and Salt Lake is something more than 500 miles by wagon road. The tourists met with no serious mishaps on the trip.